

announcing that there are 120 junior high students in the North balcony this morning from Beverage School in Omaha. They are guests of Senators Wiitala, Hannibal, and Chambers and they are accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Greenberg, and Mr. Medina, and also if Liz Moldenhauer is in that group, she has a friend of the family down here on the floor who wishes her well, Senator Bill Barrett from Lexington. Welcome to the Legislature. For the benefit of the many students in the Chamber today, the Chair would explain that at the present time the Legislature is involved in the process of Final Reading of bills and when the vote on them after they are read in the gibberish or mumbo jumbo that the Clerk uses to read these bills, then they are enacted into law. This Final Reading requirement is in the State Constitution and it has been up for elimination several times for a vote of the people but apparently the public misunderstands its present day use or believes in this liturgy because it has not been eradicated or eliminated from the Constitution by any attempts to eliminate it but these measures have all been introduced and thoroughly discussed and debated and they have advanced over through many attempts to correct and maybe even defeat them. So they are up for Final Reading at this time. So that is why you may wonder at all this reading and though members seem not to be paying attention but they know what they are doing. They have lived through each bill that has gone across the Board. Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, point of personal privilege, I think the editorializing from the Chair may not have been appropriate because I, for one, have always voted to keep Final Reading and I think it serves a valuable purpose. Many mistakes are found in bills at Final Reading stage, and to some people it might be mumbo jumbo and gibberish but sounds are in the ear of the beholder just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder. So it depends on how you view this entire process as to whether it is worth anything or not and I think the Chair was ill-advised to make the remarks it made before these young students this morning.

PRESIDENT: Very well, the Senator is entitled to his opinion and I believe that our exchange that has just taken place is of benefit to the students because it is a matter obviously of some disagreement. Otherwise it would have been decided definitely one way or the other. Very well, to continue with Final Reading, LB 194.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 194 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 194 pass on Final Reading? All